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Reply to Office Action of April 12, 2006
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REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1, 4, 5 and 7-10 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 4, 5 and 7-10 are rejected. Claim 1 is amended. The Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 1 is amended to present the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal.

Amendments

Claim 1 is amended to replace "dimension" with "width" in four places. As a result of this amendment, the term "first lateral dimension" becomes "first lateral width" and the term "second lateral dimension" becomes "second lateral width." Claim 1 is also amended to replace "exceeding" with "greater than" in one place. Support for these amendments is found at least on page 17, lines 18-19 of the specification of the Application as originally filed.

Claim 1 is further amended to replace "each" with "said" in one place. As a result of this amendment, the phrase "each ear panel" becomes "said ear panel." This amendment provides proper antecedent basis for this phrase in claim 1.

The Applicant respectfully notes that it is submitting a Notice of Appeal for this Application and will argue for the allowability of the pending claims in its Appeal Brief.

Conclusion

The Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments present the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments presented herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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